

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 1 OF 2019**

*14 February 2019*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Dean Smith (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Brian Burston (United Australia Party Whip)

Senator Stirling Griff (Centre Alliance Whip)

Senator Peter Georgiou (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Derryn Hinch (Derryn Hinch's Justice Party Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Fraser Anning

Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Senator Jane Hume

Senator Chris Ketter

Senator Tim Storer

Secretary: Rachel Callinan  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 1 OF 2019

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Australian Business Securitisation Fund Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 March 2019 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the Banking System Reform (Separation of Banks) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 May 2019 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Commonwealth Registers Bill 2019, Treasury Laws Amendment (Registries Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2019, Business Names Registration (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019, Corporations (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019, and the National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (e) contingent upon introduction in the Senate, the Environment Legislation Amendment (Protecting Dugongs and Turtles) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (f) the Export Control Amendment (Banning Cotton Exports to Ensure Water Security) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 August 2019 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (g) the reporting date for the referral of the *provisions* of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill 2019, which was referred by the Senate to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee pursuant to the adoption of 15th Report of 2018 be amended to 26 March 2019 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (h) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Right to Request Casual Conversion) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 8 for a statement of reasons for referral);

- (i) the *provisions* of the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management and Cashless Welfare) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 April 2019 (see appendix 9 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (j) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019, and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Supporting Craft Brewers) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 10 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (k) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Reforms No. 1) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 April 2019 (see appendix 11 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (l) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 12 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (m) the Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 13 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
  - Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2018
  - Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection Amendment Bill 2018
  - Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019
  - Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019
  - National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Worker Screening Database) Bill 2019 (Notwithstanding the adoption of the Committee's 15th Report of 2018)
  - National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 (No. 2)
  - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Regulations References) Bill 2018, and the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Regulations References) Bill 2018
  - Parliamentary Service Amendment (Post-election Report) Bill 2018
  - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Overseas Welfare Recipients Integrity Program) Bill 2019
  - Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2018
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Increasing the Instant Asset Write-Off for Small Business Entities) Bill 2019
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Mutual Reforms) Bill 2019
  - Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Bill 2019
  - Treatment Benefits (Special Access) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019

- Wine Australia Amendment (Trade with United Kingdom) Bill 2019.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Aged Care Amendment (Movement of Provisionally Allocated Places) Bill 2019
  - Australian Cannabis Agency Bill 2018
  - Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019
  - Combatting Child Sexual Exploitation Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019
  - Customs Amendment (Immediate Destruction of Illicit Tobacco) Bill 2019
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (Craft Beer) Bill 2019
  - Customs Amendment (Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2018
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2018
  - Governor-General Amendment (Salary) Bill 2019
  - Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Voluntary Student Services and Amenities Fee) Bill 2019
  - Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification and Fraud Prevention) Bill 2019
  - Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019
  - National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2019
  - National Sports Tribunal Bill 2019
  - National Sports Tribunal (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019
  - Sex Discrimination and Marriage Legislation Amendment (Protecting Supporters of Traditional Marriage) Bill 2018
  - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
  - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019.
5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
- Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019 (see appendix 14 for a statement of reasons for referral).

(Dean Smith)

**Chair**

14 February 2019

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Australian Business Securitisation Fund Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Obtain further information about how the fund actually works and determine stakeholder views.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, APRA, AOFM, COSBOA, non-bank lenders such as Prospa.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

**To be determined by the committee**

Possible reporting date: <sup>26 MARCH 2019</sup>~~2 April 2019~~

  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

- Australian Business Securitisation Fund Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To understand the implications on capital markets.
- To understand the impact on small business.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Economists.
- Accountants.
- Small business.
- Debt providers.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Economics

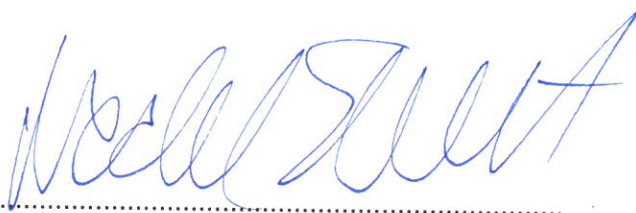
Possible hearing date(s):

- Not necessary.

Possible reporting date:

- 2 April 2019

(signed)



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**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans' and Their Families First) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The legislation hasn't been seen as it has not yet been introduced to the House. We would like to refer to an inquiry to ensure veterans have a chance to review, provide input and be happy with the proposed legislation, to ensure it is bipartisan.

We propose a short timeframe to in no way hold up the legislative process but ensure that everyone is comfortable and the veterans' and ex-serving community will have their say.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Alliance of Defence Service Organisations  
Returned and Services League of Australia  
Department of Defence  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Individual veterans


Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

22 March 2019



Senator Anne Urquhart



SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a Bill to a Committee

**Name of Bill:-** Banking System Reform (Separation of Banks) Bill 2019

**Reasons for Referral/ Principal issues for consideration:-**

- (a) The Hayne Royal Commission report and recommendations;
- (b) The Community expectations to the reform of the Australian Banking system;
- (c) The business, community, political, economists, financial advisory sector, superannuation advisory bodies and financial commentators published articles expressed need for separation of bank intrusion & internal referrals through vertical integration of services such as financial advice and superannuation recommendations of inhouse bank products other than direct banking services;

**Possible submissions or evidence from:-**

- (1) Dr Wilson Sy;
- (2) Mr John Dahlsen (fmr ANZ);
- (3) Mr Martin North (DFA);
- (4) Independent Financial Advisers;
- (5) Industry Superannuation Groups
- (6) Treasury;
- (7) APRA;
- (8) RBA
- (9) All banks
- (10) Financial Commentators such as Mr Alan Kohler, Mr Michael Pascoe, Mr Adam Creighton, Ms Adele Ferguson; Mr Bernard Keane, Mr Martin North, Mr Andrew Lindon and Mr David Fickling

**Committee to which the Bill is to be referred:-**


- (a) Economics Committee

**Possible Hearings dates:-**

Subject to availability of the Committee but a separate date for each Capital city within a 3 month period

**Possible Reporting date**

13 May, 2018

  
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Senator Peter Georgiou

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Commonwealth Registers Bill 2019  
Treasury Laws Amendment (Registries Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2019  
Business Names Registration (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019  
Corporation (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019  
National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Significant reform which should be reviewed to ensure effectiveness, ease of access and protection of privacy.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, APRA, consumer credit groups, ASIC, CHOICE, financial rights legal centre

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):  
**To be determined by the committee**

Possible reporting date: 26 March 2019

  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Environment Legislation Amendment (Protecting Dugongs and Turtles) Bill 2019.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

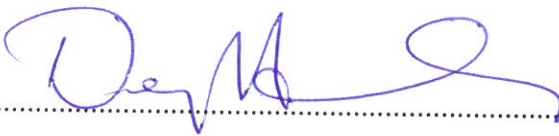
Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: March 26

(signed)



Print name: Deryn Amel

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of Bill:**

Export Control Amendment (Banning Cotton Exports to Ensure Water Security) Bill 2019

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

Impact of export ban

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Cotton Australia, Rob McBride, Cubbie Station and others to be advised.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

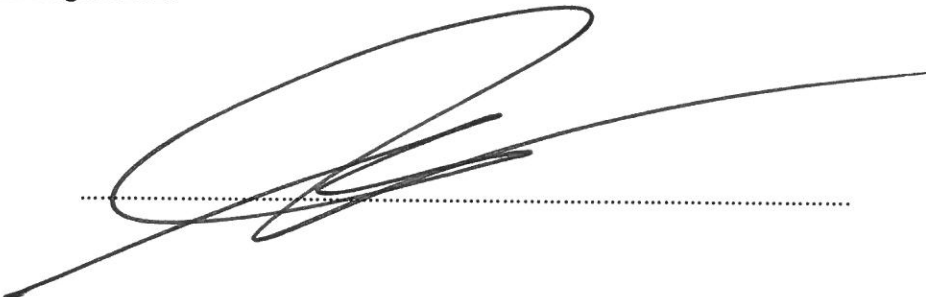
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:**

Monday 12 August 2019

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Print Name: Stirling Griff

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

Export Finance & Insurance Corporation Amendment  
(Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Stakeholder Consultation

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Academics  
Aid Sector  
EFIC

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade Leg

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: ~~29~~ March 2019  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: *Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment  
(support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill 2019*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

*This was referred last year, but the bill was not introduced  
and the reporting date has now passed*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*The aid and development sector*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

*FADT*

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

*First sitting week in August 2019*

(signed)

*Rachel Siewert*  
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Print name:

*SENATOR RACHEL SIEWERT*

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Fair Work Amendment (Right to Request Casual Conversion) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

There are concerns that the Bill does not examine the full extent of issues in relation to casual workers. Stakeholders ranging from unions and business organisations have already reacted today stating possible concerns with the way the bill is currently drafted.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Industry groups  
Unions  
Workers in vulnerable industries  
Legal academics

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be decided by the committee

Possible reporting date:

~~Friday 29 April 2019~~ 26 MARCH 2019

  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management and Cashless Welfare) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: impact of extended the cashless debit card on those across current trial sites

Possible submissions or evidence from: ACOSS, National Social Security Rights Network, Anglicare, Catholic Social Services

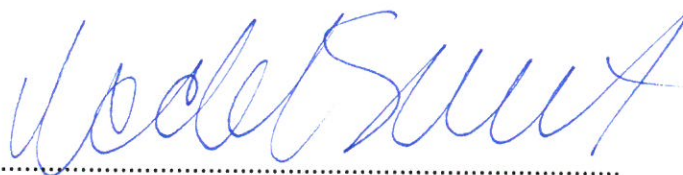
Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

April 2

(signed)



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Print name: \_\_\_\_\_



**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: TREASURY LAWS AMENDMENT (2019 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2019 (and EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING CRAFT BREWERS) BILL 2019)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: A significant reform on self-managed superannuation funds has been mixed into an otherwise non-controversial appearing bill. The SMSF measure needs to be explored for ramifications.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, superannuation groups (industry, retail, SMSF).

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

**To be determined by the committee**

26 MARCH 2019

Possible reporting date: ~~2 April 2019~~

  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

- Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Reforms No. 1) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To understand the extent to which this amendment ensures that adequate revenue is collected from the extraction of petroleum resources.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Economists.
- Accountants.
- Tax reform advocates.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Economics

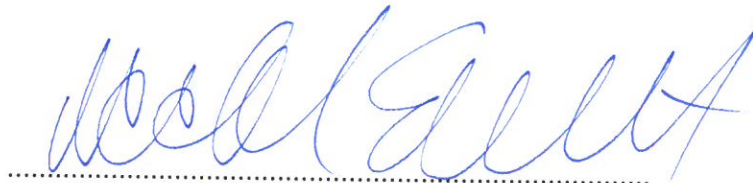
Possible hearing date(s):

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Possible reporting date:

- 2 April 2019

(signed)



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**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: TREASURY LAWS AMENDMENT (COMBATING ILLEGAL PHOENIXING) BILL 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Treasury has not published submissions, but those shared with Labor have serious reservations about some measures in the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, Helen Anderson (Melbourne Law School), Chartered Accountants ANZ, ARITA.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

**To be determined by the committee**

Possible reporting date: <sup>26 MARCH 2019</sup>~~2 April 2019~~

  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Stakeholder engagement

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Water holders  
Environmental Groups  
Irrigators State Govts

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment Communication Lev

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

26 March 2019.



Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Legislation has only just been introduced and requires possible consideration.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Many organisations and companies in the tech and digital rights sectors

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Cons Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

2 April 2019

(signed)

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Print name:

RACHEL SIEWERT (SENATOR)

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—  
PRESENTATION OF NO. 1 REPORT OF 2019—  
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON  
THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2019**

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At the end of the motion, add, “but, in respect of the Combatting Child Sexual Exploitation Legislation Amendment Bill 2019, the provisions of the bill be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 March 2019.”.